

DRUG MISTAKE IS BLAMED FOR DEATH OF MAN

Dornin Ellis Dies in the
George Washington Uni-
versity Hospital Here.

ERROR IN DOSE
GIVEN AS CAUSE

Inquest Will Be Held
Monday to Determine
Blame for Accident.

Said to have been dosed with two
syringes of a deadly solution sup-
posed to be bichloride of mercury
instead of a preparation of magne-
sium sulphate prepared to alleviate
the signs of an apoplectic stroke.
Dornin Ellis, aged 73, of The Earl-
ington Apartments, 3033 Sixteenth
street northwest, died at 5 o'clock
Friday afternoon at the George
Washington University Hospital.
Heretofore measures of resuscitation
were frustrated, according to phy-
sicians of the institution, by exist-
ence of stricture of the esophagus.
The nurse in charge of the floor
where Ellis has been a patient since
last Monday, according to informa-
tion given last night by Coroner
Nevitt, administered the poison dose.
She remained until the death oc-
curred. Believing that it was caused
by the apoplectic stroke which had
necessitated the aged man being
taken to the hospital, she made no
word as to the administration of the
alleged death drug, she de-
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As soon as Ellis' death was
brought to the attention of Coroner
Nevitt, he set an inquest for Mon-
day afternoon at which time testi-
mony of persons concerned will be
taken.

Information of the mistake
in medication was given Ellis' fam-
ily early this morning by The Her-
ald. His daughter, Mrs. Adelaide
Grant, declared at the family's
apartment in the Earlington that
she had been called to George
Washington Hospital about 3
o'clock yesterday afternoon, finding
her father in a comatose condition.
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Ellis, a native of the District and
for many years a collection agent,
was stricken with apoplexy two
years ago, Mrs. Grant said. He
suffered the second attack last
Sunday. In the hospital he was
placed in an eight-bed ward and in
the past section of the hospital.

Condition "Very Grave."
Doctors declared that his condi-
tion was regarded as very grave
from the start, one of them declar-
ing he "came in to die." Whether
the death was the result of the poi-
son which attendant upon resuscita-
tion measures, or to hemorrhage caused
by arterial sclerosis they would
not declare.

The nurse in charge of the floor
is said to have poured out a dose
of about two wineglasses full of
what she thought to be magnesium
sulphate early in the morning. The
poison bottles are kept separate from
the nonpoisonous in the medicine
chest on each floor, it is declared,
but the illumination was described
as not being good.

Shortly after signs of illness and
his condition was soon diagnosed.
All known antidotes were adminis-
tered and a quantity of the poison
extracted, but the choked condition
of the esophagus prevented full
regurgitation. Coma and death en-
sued. One of the staff of physicians
at the hospital said that a man in
better condition than Ellis would
not have succumbed to the dose.

"That this apparent disaster
should occur," he said, "is proof of
the terrific strain on the profes-
sional staff of the institution. We
have been greatly overworked, but
rather than turn cases from our
doors we have admitted more pa-
tients than the force normally would
be expected to handle."

This is a practical demonstration
of the crying need of this hospital,
in common with others, for nurses.
The nurse in question was worn
out by her long duty. She had been
on duty continuously with the ex-
ception of 20 minutes for dinner
since 10 o'clock Thursday even-
ing and was in charge of thirty-
eight patients, with one assistant.

All official moves in the affair, it
was indicated last night, are in the
hands of Coroner Nevitt, who will
preside at the autopsy and inquest
Monday.

Ellis is survived by a wife, Mrs.
Alice Ellis; the daughter, Mrs.
Grant, and a son, now in California.
Funeral services will be held from
9 o'clock until 12 noon Monday at
the apartment last night.

Church Blast Hurts 12.
BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.—The
Bloomburg Evangelical Church, near
Harrisburg, was demolished last night
by a dynamite explosion just as the
congregation was singing the open-
ing hymn of a revival service.
Twelve persons were injured by the
blowing debris.

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WOUNDED YANKS GO OVER THE TOP IN JAZZ PROGRAM

Gen. Pershing in Audi-
ence at Benefit for
Athletic Fund.

Mr. Syncope, with Miss Shim-
my, Madame Terpsichore, Master
Melody and just Jazbo on the first
line of offense, brought a pleasing
and varied program from Walter
Reed Hospital Friday afternoon
and presented it to a fair-sized
audience at Polk's, under the direc-
tion of J. Austin Taylor, chairman
of the Red Cross entertainment
committee at the institution. Pat
Minish was intercomedian, and the
proceeds went to the athletic com-
mittee of the soldiers.

From the diminutive dancing
wonders, Miss Cantor Taylor, and
Miss Gerry Williams, neither of
them having yet passed the door
knob in height, to Minish's Rastus
and Jazbo, Bones and Tambo, with
the assistance of Mr. J. A. Van
Orsdel, both tenors of
merit, there was presented an array
of comedians which kept Gen. John
J. Pershing and the rest of the
audience in a high state of humor.

HERO INSTALLED BY DEWEY CAMP

Ensign Robert E. Cox, U. S. N.,
the man who waited sixteen years
for a medal won for valor on board
the U. S. S. Missouri, was installed
Friday night as commander of Ad-
miral George Dewey Camp, U. S. N.,
at 1101 E street northeast.

In 1904 Cox flooded a magazine
on the battleship, saving the vessel
from probable destruction, but it
was not until 1920 that Congress
recognized his act by awarding him
the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Other installations were as fol-
lows: Senior vice commander, A.
H. Leary; junior vice commander,
John W. Kimminger; officer of the
day, William J. O'Donnell; officer
of the guard, William W. Lynch. A
talk by Past Commander Daniel V.
Chisholm preceded the supper.

**Telephone Operation
Cost Up 19.7 Per Cent**

Operation expenses of the sixty-
five largest telephone companies of
the country increased 19.7 per cent
during the ten months of 1920 end-
ing with October while the net in-
come of the companies was but 5.1
per cent larger than the preceding
year, the Interstate Commerce Com-
mission announced Friday.

The figures announced by the Bu-
reau of Statistics of the commission
show that net earnings for the ten
months were \$47,149,112, while op-
erating expenses for the same period
were \$401,609,503.

Wind Traveling Up to 180 Miles Hour Sampled

A stream of air with a velocity
of 100 miles per hour was sampled
by members of the Washington sec-
tion of the American Society of
Mechanical Engineers at the Bureau
of Standards Friday night.

After Dr. Lyman J. Briggs, chief
of the division of engineering phy-
sics, had told the engineers of the
use of the wind tunnels in deter-
mining the resistance that models
of the airplanes used by our arm-
y offer to the wind, these tubes of
rushing air were demonstrated.

"Perhaps we have found why a
fish swims head first instead of
tail first," said Dr. Briggs, explain-
ing that a model with its sharp
point in the wind offered more re-
sistance than that of a rounded one.

In these test tunnels wind veloci-
ties up to 180 miles per hour have
been obtained.

Dr. E. A. Eckhardt, chief of the
sound section, told of the bureau's
work on measurement of air resis-
tance on projectiles in actual flight.

Of course, the fish may have other
reasons for swimming head first,"
he added.

The following were elected to
the board for a term of three years:
Mrs. William H. Bayly, Mrs. Frank
Casey, Mrs. C. W. Richardson, Miss
Elizabeth Eastman, Mrs. Fred
Wright, Miss Mildred Bartholow
and Mrs. Robert Lansing.

An entertainment by the women
and girls of the organization, fol-
lowed their work in part for the last
year, followed the business session.

Leg Broken in Auto Crash.
R. A. Hayes, 811 Upshur street
northwest, received a fracture of
the left leg below the knee when
his motorcycle collided with an au-
tomobile driven by N. E. Wether-
less, 2502 Georgia avenue northwest,
at Sixth and K streets northwest,
at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

J. T. White, 811 Upshur street north-
west, who was a passenger on the
rear of the motorcycle, was injured
about the left leg.

**Rep. Aswell Talks to Four-
Year Graduates on
Service.**

Graduation exercises of the 4-year
class were held Friday night at
Business High School. Sixteen were
graduated. Anna Elizabeth Bray,
Lillian Marie Kilerlane, Hattie
Klawans, Mary Elizabeth McCar-
thy, Clara Mae Manuel, Mildred
Frances Moore, Carol May Probst,
Ruth Minnie Rich, Lois Isabelle
Simonds, Ella Lee White, William
Joseph Kindfater, James Rob-
ert Kirkland, Edward Hoffman Lib-
bey, Wilder Francis MacDonal Dan-
iel Mannix McGraw and Lois Henry
Warren received diplomas.

The principal speaker was Rep-
resentative James B. Aswell, of
Louisiana, who delivered an address
on service. "When you have in-
telligence, the habit of service, and
you become a master, you have won
the right to be free," he declared.

"You can earn the right to be free
and you get it no other way."
The presiding officer was D. A.
Edwards of the Board of Education,
while Rev. E. N. Berkestock de-
livered the invocation. Albert
Schulteis, president of Washington
Chamber of Commerce, conferred
the diplomas.

**E. M. Peterson Hurt
In Automobile Smash**

Edgar M. Peterson, 45 years old,
real estate dealer, who lives at
2015 I street northwest, was cut
about the face by flying glass when
an automobile in which he was be-
ing driven by his son, Robert K.
Peterson, was struck by a Wash-
ington Railway and Electric street
car at Ninth and I streets north-
west at 6:20 o'clock Friday night.

Peterson was taken to the Emer-
gency Hospital for treatment in
a private automobile by his son.
The car in which both were riding
was badly damaged.

BUILDING GIVEN TO LOCAL Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. J. D. Rockefeller, Jr.,
Makes Formal Presentation.
Election Held.

The Blue Triangle Building,
Twentieth and B streets northwest,
recreation center for the local Y.
W. C. A., was formally presented to
the local body Friday night by
Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., chair-
man of the housing committee of
the national board, at the annual
meeting of the Y. W. C. A. at
1333 F street northwest. The
building has been under con-
trol of the national board. District
Court of Appeals, chairman of the
board of trustees of the Y. W. C. A.,
accepted the property for the
board of directors.

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Plans to make the Trinity Com-
munity House the clearing house
for all charity aid requests to the
Episcopal churches of Washington
were discussed at the annual meet-
ing of the Washington Episcopal
Archdiocese, held in the Trinity
Episcopal Church, Third and C
streets Friday.

Bishop Alfred Harding, of the
Washington diocese, presided. Ad-
dresses were delivered by Rev. E.
S. Dunlap, of St. John's Episcopal
Church, and Rev. D. R. Covell, of
Trinity Church.

The Washington diocese annual
meeting will be held in St. Stephen's
Church next Wednesday.

**Noted Artists Appear
At Y. M. C. A. Program**

Miss Gertrude Tyrrell, concert
pianist, and Miss Romona Newman,
soprano, delighted a gathering of
music-lovers at the Central Y. M.
C. A. last night when they present-
ed a program under the auspices
of the social department.

Miss Newman, whose appearance
last night was her first in Wash-
ington, was well received. Miss
Tyrrell appeared in a number of
cities, where she was commended
for her facile technique and clarity
of tone.

Read These Lowered Prices

Hot Cakes, syrup and
butter, only.....10c
Half Grape Fruit.....10c
All Cereals, with half
and half.....10c
Fresh Fish.....25c
Sliced Tomatoes.....10c

Two Fresh Eggs, any
style.....20c
With Bread and Butter.
All Pies, 10c; Soup, 10c
Small Steaks, bread and
butter.....25c
Pure, Rich Milk, a mug,
only.....5c

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KRAMER TO GUN FOR MAKERS OF "TONICS," HE SAYS

Cites National Scope of
Campaign Against Med-
icine Beverages.

Following a campaign to stop the
sale of all patent medicines and so-
called tonics containing more than
the legal half of 1 per cent of al-
cohol in Washington, Prohibition
Commissioner Kramer announced
Friday night that the crusade will
be made nationwide.

"We do not expect to conduct in-
dividual campaigns in every city
and town," said Kramer, "but will
go after manufacturers of these
medicines and tonics. Where it is
found that their products are used
for beverage purposes permits to
manufacture will be canceled."

"Where a product is used for bev-
erage purposes without connivance
of the manufacturers, who are mak-
ing a proper medicinal product, the
degree of medication will be in-
creased so that it will be impossi-
ble to use it as a drink."

Many of the seventeen tonics and
medicines placed under the ban in
Washington were found to contain
from 15.5 to 22.20 per cent of al-
cohol.

Maj. Harry L. Gensford, superin-
tendent of police, has asked for as-
sistance in stopping the sale of these
tonics in this city and he
declares he will have little trouble
in closing down on all offenders
without delay.

NEXT WAR IN AIR; PREPARE, HE WARNS

"Geographical knowledge hence-
forth is a necessity rather than a
luxury," said Laurence La Tourette
Driggs, president of the American
Flying Club, in an address Friday
night before the National Geo-
graphic Society.

"No longer will any nation be able
to preserve its remoteness or isola-
tion; the aeroplane, the swiftest and
shortest method of getting there
ever known, will hasten this era of
near relationship with widely sepa-
rated peoples."

"Germany surrendered none of her
war materials with better grace
than was shown when she gave up
her great navy—her ships of war.
Why? Because she knew the next
war will begin in the air, and in
all probability will be decided there."
"Same a principle of principle of
preparedness and self defense de-
mand that we keep at least 1,000
defensive air machines ready for
mobilization at any point on our
borders at an hour's notice."

ROTARIANS ENJOY LIVELY DINNER

With J. Harry Cunningham in
charge of the program, 164 mem-
bers of the Washington Rotary
Club were royally entertained at
one of their occasional evening din-
ners held in the ballroom of the
New Willard Friday night.

Bert Williams was one of the
principal entertainers. Others in-
cluded A. B. Pierce, Fred East, J.
F. M. Bowie, Tudor Morsell and D.
G. Pfeiffer.

Keen amusement was gained by
the Rotarians from an act contrib-
uted by "Rachel and Reuben" and
another by an incognito member in
the role of a soothsayer.

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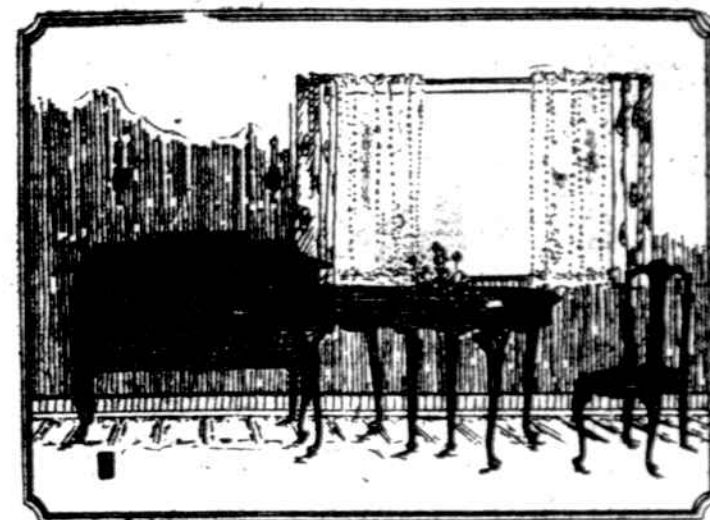
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Pure, Rich Milk, a mug,
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